



**Thursday, December 11, 2025 | 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.**

**Hybrid Meeting**

**Physical – UWDC Community Room: 1314 Teasley Lane, Denton, TX 76205**

**Virtual – Zoom Video Conference Link Attached in Email**

**Agenda:**

I.	Welcome & Introductions	Chair/Co-chair	3 min.
II.	Votes	Chair/Co-chair	10 min.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>VOTE – Approval of Meeting Minutes October and Special Session December</b></li> <li>• <b>VOTE - Approval of Appointments: Peter Mungiguerra, Interfaith Ministries</b></li> </ul>		
III.	Strategic Planning Committee	Jesse Kent and Olivia Williams	30 min.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2026-2028 Recommendations</li> </ul>		
IV.	Workgroup Report Highlights (inside packet)		15 min.
V.	Backbone Support Highlights (inside packet)	UWDC	10 min.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Denton County Housing &amp; Homelessness Leadership Team</li> <li>• Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team</li> <li>• Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Team</li> </ul>	Olivia Williams Shelby Redondo-Macon Shelby Redondo-Macon	
VI.	Public Comment	Chair/Co-chair	15 min.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HUD NOFO agency update</li> </ul>		
VII.	New Business	Chair/Co-chair	3 min.
VIII.	Adjourn	Chair/Co-chair	1 min.

**Next Meeting Date:**

**Thursday, February 12, 2026 | 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. | Hybrid Meeting**

**Physical – United Way of Denton County, 1314 Teasley Lane Denton TX 76205**

**Virtual – Zoom Video Conference Link Attached in Email**





## Denton County Housing & Homelessness Leadership Meeting

8:00AM October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Hybrid Meeting

### Welcome

Meeting called to order at 8:00 AM by Terry Widmer.

### Votes

Terry Widmer called for a vote on the meeting minutes of August, which were approved and announced the retirement of Detective Michelle Horridge, who served as the group's secretary, and welcomed Carlos Henderson as the new secretary.

### Data Dashboard

Evelyn Sutton presented data on homelessness, noting a decline in coordinated entry assessments but highlighting that 340 people were housed between October 1 and September 30, an increase from the previous year. Kelly, the new data integration manager, discussed the need to reconstruct how ISD data is presented and explored how other entities display their data dashboards. Additionally, Kelly led a discussion on implementing a diversion plan to address homelessness and how to engage agencies, train staff, and track data effectively.

### Workgroup Updates

**Data Workgroup:** The workgroup is holding discussions on how to update the data dashboard and incorporate McKinney-Vento numbers into the dashboard.

**Housing Workgroup:** The workgroup celebrates 340 people being housed in the county this year. Additionally, the work group is holding discussions about the use of diversion to allow case workers to focus more resources on housing individuals.

**Cross Care Collaborative:** Landon Dickeson and Katie Russell have stepped down as co-chairs, leaving Alessia Dal Monte as the remaining co-chair. The work group asks that members of the housing and homelessness leadership team consider joining.

**Denton County Homeless Coalition:** The coalition has officially applied for nonprofit status, and the new name will be "The Path Home." The point-in-time count has officially been scheduled for January 22nd. This past weekend, the coalition managed gates and parking for the Arts and Jazz Festival and raised \$3,000 in donations for the Operations and Barriers Fund. The annual benefit

walk will take place on November 15th. Nominations for the Coordinated Entry Service Provider Award will open soon, and a service provider award ceremony will be held during the regularly scheduled coalition meeting at the end of this month. The Homelessness Response 101 classes are scheduled for Thursday, October 23rd.

### **Leadership team updates**

**Behavioral Health Leadership Team:** The leadership team is working towards securing stable funding for Credible Mind.

**Workforce Success Leadership Team:** This past September, the leadership team completed another cohort at Louisville for our Economic Mobility Mentoring Workshop. The team is also beginning to set up for VITA.

### **Public Comment**

Interfaith Ministries announced they received \$25,000 from Atmos, and on October 8th, they received another \$100,000, with the expectation of receiving an additional payment after winter. Additionally, Olivia expressed her appreciation to the City of Denton for partnering with them and rolling out a one-time use of diversion funds. Giving Grace announced their ribbon cutting for their new property.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30AM

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Carlos Henderson

DCHHLT Secretary



## **Denton County Housing & Homelessness Leadership Meeting**

**4:00PM December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

**Hybrid Meeting**

### **Welcome**

Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM by Terry Widmer.

### **HUD NOFO Changes and Impacts**

The HUD Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) has been released with new requirements and changes in priorities. For 2025, the HUD priorities shifted to ending homelessness, with an emphasis on addressing the crisis from the perspective of those living on the streets. Key priorities now include prioritizing treatment and recovery, advancing public safety, promoting self-sufficiency, improving outcomes, and minimizing trauma.

Another significant change is the implementation of a 30% cap on funding for permanent housing projects, reduced from the previous 90% allocation. This change puts Denton County's \$3.1 million in permanent housing funding at risk. Additionally, HUD is increasing expectations by requiring 40 hours of case management per month for participants in transitional housing. There is also a new mandate for formal collaboration with law enforcement. Furthermore, all renewal projects, including those that have historically gone unscored, will now be subject to evaluation and scoring. The impact to the Housing Crisis Response System has been identified potentially to clients in current PSH/RRH programs, agencies that are recommended to move to Transitional Housing Grants, and the SSO-CE system level grant that is the current foundational support for the coordinated entry system in Denton County.

CCA is recommended to apply for a Transitional Housing Grant

Giving Grace is recommended to apply for a Transitional Housing Grant

DCMHMR is recommended to renew the Permanent Supportive Housing Grant

DCFOF is recommended to renew the DV-RRH grant

UWDC is recommended to renew the SSO-CE grant and will be applying for a new SSO grant, collaborating with The Path Home

COD is applying for a new SSO-Street Outreach grant

### **New Business**

A motion was approved to appoint Deputy Chief Willenbrock as the Denton Police Department's new appointee to HHLT, replacing Lt. Chris Riley.

A motion was approved to bring the Homeless Coalition, The Path Home on as a new provider

and member for the leadership team, and Elena Shehan as their representative.

**Public Comment**

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00PM

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Carlos Henderson

DCHHLT Secretary



## Housing: December 2025

CHAIR: TERRY WIDMER

### OBJECTIVE & GOALS 2023-2025:

- Improve housing outcomes for those on the HPL
- Identify and plan trainings to support best practices in case managers i.e., motivational interviewing and stages of change

### Meeting Summary (provide meeting date and items discussed during meeting)

Weekly meetings with front door agencies are held to collaboratively address barriers and develop solutions that support individuals and families progressing toward stable housing. Discussions focus on systems coordination, resource alignment, and continuous process improvement.

### Short Term Action Items

- Analyze housing data to determine average time to placement and assess how individual and systemic factors influence outcomes

### Accomplishments

- Housing crisis response system has housed 40 people since October 1, 2025
- Held 8 meetings in October and November.
- Total YTD housed: 340

### Concerns

- There is an ongoing need to identify and secure training resources that support frontline agency staff in delivering effective, evidence-based case management services

### Next Meeting Dates

Weekly on Mondays, 3 PM- 4 PM (excludes holidays)

Hybrid; UWDC and Zoom



## DATA Workgroup: December 2025

CHAIR: STEPHEN COFFEY

OBJECTIVE & GOALS 2023-2025:

*Identify ways to integrate data support for other HHLT workgroups to advance funding and advocacy efforts*

### Meeting Summary

There are currently 452 households actively experiencing homelessness on our Housing Priority List. The 452 total number breaks down into:

65 families	11 veteran households
387 individual households	136 households experiencing chronic homelessness
84 fleeing domestic violence	

Denton County school districts' data was updated in September 2025. The two largest school districts reported the following:

- Denton ISD: 429 students (September 2025)
- Lewisville ISD: 458 students (September 2025)

Housing intervention prioritization breakdown:

- Diversion Services: Households (15.3%; 69)
- Rapid Rehousing Intervention: Households (45.6%; 215)
- Permanent Supportive Housing Intervention: Households (37.2%; 168)

### Short Term Action Items

- The data workgroup is seeking insight from THN on HMIS capabilities to document and report service hours for Transitional Housing Program clients.
- The workgroup will discuss options for alternative platforms and processes.
- The data workgroup will partner with Diversion workgroup to develop a process for Diversion data collection and integration into the data dashboard.
- The workgroup will gather and synthesize information about reporting requirements for Diversion and Transitional Housing Programs.

### Accomplishments

### Concerns

- Responding to recent policy changes and devising a process for data collection and reporting.



Next Meeting Dates

January 7, 2026

Occurs every first Wednesday from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM on Zoom



## Diversion: December 2025

CHAIR NAME: DAPHNE HOUSTON

OBJECTIVE & GOALS 2023-2025:

- *Implement and support Diversion workflow in HMIS for agencies*
- *Identify and apply for additional funding sources to expand Diversion efforts*
- *Increase community dollars sourced for Barriers Fund*

### Meeting Summary (provide meeting date and items discussed during meeting)

This group is identifying how existing funding is being spent on diversion efforts. The goal of the group is that this data will establish a baseline to support funding expansion and resources for diversion efforts. The group is also operationalizing Diversion practices for agencies and HMIS.

### Short Term Action Items

- Add time to review Diversion enrollments during each Housing Workgroup.
- Using the monthly data dashboard as a guide for goal setting for the 80+ persons that fit criteria for diversion services
- CCA diversion pilot is open and accepting client on the HPL scoring 0-3.
- Reviewed Diversion Roll Out Plan Draft with workgroup. Plan to begin Diversion training with agencies in early 2026.

### Accomplishments

- Established priorities for 2025: identifying funding resources, diversion categories, integration of Barriers Fund to goals

### Concerns

- Availability of flexible funds to support diversion problem-solving efforts.

### Next Meeting Dates

Zoom- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 2pm



## Healthcare: December 2025

CHAIR: ISABEL RODRIGUEZ

### OBJECTIVE & GOALS 2023-2025:

- Increase access to healthcare services for people experiencing homelessness
- Increase community resources for healthcare workers
- Identify data points from participating organizations and agencies in Denton County

### Meeting Summary

The workgroup convened to outline the next steps in planning for a medical respite program. Discussions centered on establishing a foundational set of goals to be achieved by the end of 2025, aligning efforts with community healthcare needs and system capacity.

### Short Term Action Items

- Continue stakeholder outreach and expand membership across sectors
- Define and prioritize 2025 healthcare objectives using data from hospitals and community-based agencies

### Accomplishments

- Drafted healthcare, substance use, and behavioral health rubric to roll out to agencies to divert from the shelter.

### Concerns

- Agencies report an increasing gap in available healthcare services and persistently unmet medical needs among the unhoused population, highlighting the urgency for coordinated intervention and resource development.

### Next Meeting Dates

First Tuesdays of the month, 12 PM – 1 PM



## CROSS CARE COLLABORATION: December 2025

CHAIR(S): ALESSIA DAL MONTE

OBJECTIVE & GOALS 2023-2025:

- ✓ Update local Sequential Intercept Model map
- Educate key stakeholders on system processes

### Meeting Summary

This group is currently in the knowledge-gathering phase, identifying gaps in the current system as it relates to the unhoused population and determining what can be done on a local level to address these gaps.

The group met on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Alessia Dal Monte and Kelly Partin presented a first-pass analysis of 16.22 data in Denton County, including arrest trends, eligibility for PR bonds, and proportions receiving involuntary vs. voluntary inpatient/outpatient recommendations. Approximately 20% of 16.22 evaluations originate from Criminal Trespass (CT) arrests, and a small subset (5–10%) of individuals drive 30-40% CT-related arrests resulting in a 16.22 filing. Alessia shared case examples of high-utilizer individuals, highlighting the significant costs associated with their repeated incarceration and hospitalizations

The group also discussed the potential benefits of a longer-stay diversion center model or blended EOU/diversion center model. The team agreed to gather detailed cost data for both EOU and diversion center options, with Pam taking the lead on collecting budget information from existing facilities.

Finally, the CCC Workgroup reviewed the CCC strategic plan document. Comments and updates to be synthesized and discussed at next meeting.

### Short Term Action Items

- Engage with HHLT to recruit a co-chair
- Define and quantify “high utilization” for data collecting across entities (law enforcement, behavioral health organizations, hospitals, court systems & jails, nonprofit organizations)
- Assess program design and costs for diversion center, blended EOU/diversion center
- Facilitate and schedule site visits to diversion centers (starting with Tarrant County) for 2026, and send out possible dates for group feedback.

### Accomplishments

- Collaborating with the DCBHLT data workgroup to explore data sharing agreements
  - Draft review of an MOU template for data sharing agreements
  - Agreement for DCMHMR and United Way to have the starting agreement



#### Concerns

- The need for hard data to quantify the county need, such as average number of people served, cost per person/per day
- There is a lack of adequate mental health diversion options for law enforcement
- New legislation that allows law enforcement to transfer responsibility of care

#### Next Meeting Dates

First Thursday of the Month, 11:30 AM – 1 PM (In person only, at the UWDC Office)



December 2025 Backbone Support Updates:

#### **Denton County Housing & Homelessness Leadership Team**

- Supported The Homeless Coalition's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual The Walk Home, raising over \$4,000 benefitting The Barriers Fund, adding three new sponsors and nearing 100 registered walkers.
- Point in Time Count planning is meeting weekly, launching the Amazon Wishlist (<https://a.co/63nGvOJ>), goal set to recruit 200 volunteers, and the date is confirmed for Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- The HUD NOFO grant application release for 2026-27 was rescinded by HUD. Backbone support wants to express gratitude to all of the agencies impacted and recognize the immediate response and collaborative effort to navigate the path ahead.

#### **Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team**

- CredibleMind is being sustained for the 2026 fiscal year, DCMHMR was awarded funding to allocate towards the cost for CM.
- The Cross Care Collaborative accomplished its 2025 goals and will be planning visits to Diversion centers in 2026, to broaden solutions and governmental support.

#### **Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Team**

- Sustained funding for Economic Mobility Pathways from Charles Schwab
- Papa John grant for Economic Mobility initiative partnering with WIC
- VITA planning is underway, and this year's goal is to have 70 volunteers commit in 2026. We are expanding training to include virtual and self-paced.
  - Sign up here > <https://www.unitedwaydenton.org/volunteer-vita>